1	2	3
107.	Vienna	28
108.	Vientiane	12
109.	Warsaw	27
110.	Washington	99
111	Wellington	10
112.	Windhoek	14
113.	Yangon	54
114.	Zagreb	07
B. Posts / Offices		
115.	Berlin	17
116.	Birmingham	15
117.	Capetown	03
118.	Chiangmai	06
119.	Chicago	25
120.	Chittagong	20
121.	Dubai	61
122.	Durban	25
123.	Frankfurt	29
124.	Gaza	04
125.	Geneva	02
126.	Glasgow	13
127.	Hamburg	11
128.	Ho-Chi-Minh city	12
129.	Hong Kong	43
130.	Houston	17
131.	Istanbul	13
132.	Jeddah	59
133.	Johannesburg	19
134.	Kandy	41
135.	Medan	09
136.	Milan	10
137.	Mombasa	07
138.	New York	58
139.	Odessa	08
140.	Osaka-Kobe	11
141.	Phuntsholing	07
142.	Port Said	07
143.	Rajshahi	15
144.	San Francisco	36
145.	Sao Paulo	08
146.	Shanghai	11
147.	Shiraz	08
148.	St. Denis	06
149.	St. Petersburg	17
150.	Sydney	24
151.	Toronto	28
152.	Vancouver	21
153.	Vladivostok	13
154.	Zahidan	08
155.	Zanzibar	09
	Total	4703

Kashmir Issue

1343. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the external publicity on Kashmir has not proved as effective as that of Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the effective steps being taken by the Government particularly to influence the Islamic countries on Kashmir issue;

(c) whether the Government have sent any delegations abroad in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, the discussions held and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government have not sent any delegations exclusively for this purpose. but most Government delegations visting abroad utilise the opportunity to brief their foreign interlocutors about Kashmir, in addition to discussing other issues of mutual interest. The delegations apprise the concerned governments and other individuals and organisations who shape opinion and influence decisions, including the mass media, of the factual position on the Kashmir issue, as well as details of Pak sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, and the realities of the ground situation in the State. There is appreciation of Government of India's position, our policy of transparency, and our determination to ensure that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are able to enjoy the benefits of a secular, representative democratic polity, as well as appreciation of the holding of elections so that the people of the State have their own elected government.

Acquisition of Land for NHs

1344. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently taken steps to facilitate speedy acquisition of land for development of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The National Highways Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997 has been promulgated on 24.1.1997 to amend the National Highways Act 1956 to facilitate speedy acquisition of land for development of National Highways. The Act now provides that once the Central Government declares that the land is required for public purposes for development of a national highway, that land will vest in the Government and only the compensation amount to be paid can be adjudicated through arbitration, if any dispute arises.

[Translation]

Infrastructural Facilities at Ports in Gujarat

1345. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether infrastructural facilities have not been developed by the Government at any port in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to develop infrastructural facilities at various ports in Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir, In Gujarat, Kandla Port is the only Major Port. The Government has sanctioned major schemes for development of Kandla port Trust during the last two years for construction of 8th cargo berth, 4th oil jetty, 2 Nos. virtual jetties and a captive jetty by M/s. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, The major schemes for development of Kandla Port Trust proposed in the 9th Five Year Plan are (i) replacement of M.O. Kutch Vallabh, (ii) Multi-Purpose berth and development of infrastructural facilities in Gujarat at Vadinar and (iii) construction of 9th & 10th cargo berths. As regards Minor Ports in Gujarat, the responsibility for development rests with the Government of Gujarat.

Special Dispensation Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1346. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a policy decision was taken in September, 1996 that special dispensation admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas will be limited to 10 per cent of the total admissions made in the preceding year on regular basis;

(b) if so, whether any committee has since been set up and guidelines framed to regulate such admissions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) In September, 1996, it was decided that an affidavit be filed in the High Court of Delhi by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan stating that rules to regulate special dispensation admissions through a committee, will be formulated. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has filed the affidavit and the matter is before the court.

[English]

Educational Institutions

1347. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Degree Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics and ITIs set up in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the number of such institutions proposed to be set up during the Ninth Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The Statewise number of degree level Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics as stand approved by the All India Council for Technical Education on 31st December, 1996 are as given in the attached Statement-I. These include those institutions also which existed earlier only with the State Government's approval and later on approved by the AICTE. The number of ITIs.ITCs as on 31st July, 1996 State-wise is into attached Statement-II. The number of institutions during the Ninth Plan depends upon the proposals from the State Governments based on manpower needs and their overall viability.

Statement–I

As on 31.12.1996

Region	States/UTs	Number of Engineering Colleges	Number of Polytechnics
1	2	3	4
Central	1. Madhya Pradesh	22	49
	2. Orissa	09	23